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# LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE.

Letter from Churchland, Va. CHURCHLAND, WESTERN BRANCH, VA., December 6, 1870.

To the Editor of the New National Era: I am happy to inform you of a meeting which took place at the above precinct, in Norfolk county, on the 6th instant, in honor of the election to the Forty-second Congress of our distinguished Representative, the honorable and ever-faithful James H. Platt, jr. This meeting was gotten up under the auspices of the Republican club of that loyal district-Mr. Wm. H. Foulke, president, and W. B. Roberts, secretary. The dram corps from faithful old Getty's station was in attendance, and added an unusual degree of honor to itself by its excellent music while taking under escort the sons and daughters of emancipation. Arriving at the speaker's stand, which was crected in front of the A. M. Church, being invited, as a speaker, we gave them the benefit of our experience of forty years in slavery, urging the necessity of unity of action to accomplish what a benign Government had so freely and permanently inaugurated by amendment after amendment to the Federal Constitution; and last, but not least, the school question was served to the best of our ability. Messrs. Jas. Kemp, W. B. Roberts, Foulke, and Conner gave some well-timed speeches, which were very highly applauded.

Speaking over, an ample table was spread, loaded with every comfort that could whet a dull appetite. Of the three or four hundred present all were invited to the table, and freely participated in the enjoyments of the day.

"No interdict Defends the touching of these viands pure."

not give a more elaborate account of the table, "Hurrah for Thompson!" This morning we warmest wish to merit only your approbation, as it was furnished at considerable expense.

"goodies," at night-fall the beautiful moon county, where we expected him to be in the shed down her usual flood of light. The weath- minority, is yet to hear from! Both parties To Hon. Gideon Welles, Sceretary of the Navy, er being fine for out-door enjoyment, the music | are filled with hopes and fears, and so the day discoursed, "On with the dance, let joy and passes. Friday night, at 6 P. M., the messenmirth abound." And they did not fail to im- ger sent to Lavacca county had not returned. prove the opportunity-at least a goodly num- Two colored men rode up to my door, and callber of them did not so fail.

ing the drum corps, along with two or three utes later I heard a great shout, and stepping ter visiting the President on Saturday, sent others, (eight in all,) we came nigh being out, I believe I heard the cry, "Hurrah for him the following letter. It will be seen that swamped; nor did we reach Churchland with Tendick!" from every man, woman, and child it fully corroborates the view taken of their a dry shed upon us. Such was our condition in Freedman Town; and they keptitup. Never relations since 1865, as presented in your corthat a steamer stopped to pick us up; but we | did I hear such rejoicing. Camp-meetings were struck through the dashing seas and made the outshouted and fourth of July thrown into the fort at last. Wet, cold, and shivering, we shade. When the Emancipation Proclamation Porter, to print which might do injustice to took the conveyance that had been some hours in | was issued these people dared not say so much waiting, and, after riding about three miles, as "I am glad." They could only kneel by saturated like a wet blanket, we were in the their bedside and thank God in the darkness presence of the good people of Churchland, that their chains were falling away from them. which place is about five miles from Norfolk, Now they can lift up their voices in thanksgiv. towards Cape Henry, (Craney Island.) But, ing that they are able to lay the foundations of with the elements against us, as you perceive, liberty broad and deep for their children and we hit the mark. All praise is due to Messrs. their children's children. Who wouldn't shout? Conner, Foulke, and others for the ample provisions made for our accommodation. Mr. ship, and Mr. Foulke is overseer of roads. Like your humble servant, these gentlemen are all "native here" and in the "divine institution" born. Their honesty and practical good sense have won for them a name which would do honor to the graduate of William and Mary. But I must close.

Please excuse my disconnected style, and believe me, yours as ever, GEO. TRANOH, Virginia Senate.

Letter from Columbus, Texas.

COLUMBUS, TEXAS, Dec. 2, 1870. To the Editor of the New National Era: Columbus is now the seat of war in Texas. A four days' battle, with paper bullets, closed yesterday. There was a close contest, and the result is not yet known. The Republicans were battling for free schools and free speech; as the army was concerned. In the second coast, with the responsibility of that large tion in this country is more brilliant than advise the discharge of all useless officials who the Democrats to overthrow the State police and State guards, re-establish the rule of the six shooter, and "keep the nigger in his place." The 25th senatorial district, comprising Colorado and Lavacca counties, held this election to fill vacancies occasioned by the death of Judge Foster, of the Senate, and Mr. Wilkinson, of the House. The election was wisely postponed till the State guards were organized. That which gives especial interest to this election is the fact that the Senate now stands 14 to 16-the less number representing the Radi cals, and the greater the opposition party, whether Democratic, Conservative, or Rebel be its true name. An election is being held in Favette county to fill a vacancy made by a Conservative member who left the Senate in disgust, after the fashion of Jeff. Davis and others, who could not carry their points in the National Legislature ten years ago. The Rad-

power in the government of Texas. One can get a better idea of the worth of the ballot in one election here than he could get in ten years in the North. It is free speech against the gag, State law against mob law; and whilst up fight. Any fort in rebeldom can be taken always express towards yourself and the galboth parties are in suspense, it seems to me the if we can only get in reach of it. I have served lant officers of our army, and are so inconsis- become a presidential question; but it is not I have to say to you, without any hesitation, that and able to command and reconstruct the excitement of a battle-field could not be much with the Lieutenant General before, where I tent with all my antecedents, that I scarcely liekly to assume such proportions in 1872. I have to thank the Democratic party of Mis- broken elements of Europe into a new empire;

"Twere worth ten years of peaceful life One glance at their array.

Hundreds of colored men marching up to the polls on equal footing with those who think then unfit to breath the same air, go to the same beaven, or even, as Col. Gillespie says. to go to the same hell with themselves; a few true-blue Republicans, who are cursed as carpet-baggers, and told by the supporters of the late Confederacy that they had better "sing low;" the former owners of the soil, and of the men who tilled it, spoiling for a fight by which to oversurn the election whenever the tide seems to be turning-all these make up such a con- Butler was going in command of this expedi- ant of the State of Missouri has done and about three inches taller than English original fastenings." test as one seldom witnesses.

General R. P. Tendick, who served in the United States army, and has lived in Columbus | Turnermore, Forter accuses Grant of being occupant with an opportunity to earn his living that the rights of all men, and in so doing it has the rights of all men, and in so doing it has the rights of all men, and in so doing it has the rights of all men, and in so doing it has the rights of all men, and in so doing it has the rights of all men, and in so doing it has the rights of all men, and in so doing it has the rights of all men, and in so doing it has the rights of all men, and in so doing it has the rights of all men, and in so doing it has the rights of all men, and in so doing it has the rights of the rights of all men, and in so doing it has the rights of all men, and the rights of all men, and the rights of all men, and the rights of all m United States army, and has lived in Columbus commander of the troops.

In a conversation with General Grant, I expressly told him that I wanted nothing to do in the civil administration overpower their smaller breaks. In a conversation with General Grant, I expressly told him that I wanted nothing to do would have been made lieutenant general had cogent, terrible reform in the civil administration. Many Germans vote against him for the simple reason that the colored men almost unanimously vote for him. They do not like to be with the expedition. Two months I waited, me that he would sacrifice his best friend ical change will answer the national expectathis course proves to half-way amendment. Nothing short of a radthis course proves to half-way amendment. Nothing short of a radthis nation can stand [Applause.] A platform of all the characters who figured in the great your company those lazy ne'er-do-weels, who classed with the freedmen, seeming to lose in the great who is sight of the fact that the legislation which is sight of the fact that the legislation which is could not spare troops for fear of endangering the credit of this move, now that it is successively an incarnation of will, was only five funds sufficient to live in fashion.

The defenses in his front. I said, "Then the legislation which is could not spare troops for fear of endangering the credit of this move, now that it is successively an incarnation of will, was only five funds sufficient to live in fashion.

The defenses in his front. I said, "Then the light of a pure Defeat and two or three inches in height, his comto the other. They are something like the dog
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massa" was their friend. They had a wagon of a heavy gale. Gen. Grant knew that I did lection of any such letter, nor did his secretary, ment) a quick and sure test of the purposes of State from its bottom upward. ["Good, of the Texas Radicals; Senator Bell, Hon ing the day, and of having been told to "sing low" and "sing loud," Allen Nayle, the colored captain of the State Guards, said " there's tie in what I say, but that is my nature. I am tion has reminded us of Robert Browning's His speech to the Democrats of St. Louis. of the guards were on duty around the ballotbox. It was thought best to excite the Democracy as little as possible, as many stayed navy ever did more. Could the navy operate up beside a row of blue-coated soldiers.

Everybody feared that there would be bleodshed before the four days passed; but they are brought into play. \* \* This is not a pet ended, and I hear of nothing like it, except place with the Lieutenant-General, and he that the broomstick procession hurried up to run over a poor old colored man, and seeing that he was likely to die, stopped laughing and sneaked off, one by one, till of the long line of hoss-tillery nothing was left. Gen. Tendick assisted in carrying poor old uncle Peter into the court-house, and procured a doctor for him. I know your whole heart is in the navy, and He was alive this morning.

town guns were fired till past 12 o'clock. Here learned the result of the four days' struggle. I remain, Having paid our compliments to all the Tendick is only 212 votes ahead, and Lavacca ing for another man to accompany them, said His Letter to President Grant-His First We should have enjoyed ourself hugely, but, they were going to meet the messenger, about on the sea, in an open boat, accompany- whom some uncasiness was felt. A few min-

Porter.

NORTH AMERICAN SQUADRON. U. S. FLAGSHIP MALVERN, CAPE FEAR RIVER, January 21, 1865. should be sent, it was not done until General nothing connected with the letter. Butler consented to let the matter go on, and when he hoped to reap some little credit for the through a long and fatiguing contest with Fort ask, What has a man done? but, What is he to fill the ravenous maw of the tax gatherer. try gives General Grant the credit of inaugurat. overpowered by the elements. I saw the coveted ship is that it must be practical. It must ad the first place, it had neither head nor tail as far storms of winter, and anchored on an open a faint glamour over to-day. If any reputa rupt and corrupting rings, and that you will have more strongly defended the works after nation was looking on excited, dreading a deus the victory. The gallant band of sailors tally. I presume it was while under this ex- any, and we presume be has) will be to conwho fearlessly went into the works amidst a citement that I wrote the letter which you say vince the country, before his term shall end. shower of cannister and bullets drew the ene- has made you lose your faith in human nature. that he has learned, at last, after much disapmy's attention away from the assault on the I have no recollection of it, any more than I pointment, how to be a statesman. As yet, he gratulations as Governor elect, joined with the The Personal Appearance of Great land side, and enabled the troops to obtain a would have of other passing circumstances of has made no such civil, as he has military, im wish that your administration of affairs shall troops that day. Now that the most important Grant, I treated the matter with indifference, new reputation will have time to sprout and will hear but little of what the navy did, and exist. I do not write for the purpose of exno doubt efforts will be made again to show that bonorating myself, for I would rather be the defensive work." To Gen. Grant, who is al- peace of political parties and of society would ways willing to take the credit when anything be placed in great jeopardy if all the private the failure on the navy when a failure takes lished. Nothing that I have said will effect place, I feel under no obligations for receiving your fair fame, and your many friends would and allowing a report to be spread from his be sadly wanting in judgment if they were at icals cannot count on Fayette county, and the headquarters that there were three days when all influenced by the silly exultations of a few peace!" The Revenue Reformers (a handful result of the election in the 25th district deknows as much about it as he did when he wrote | rejoicing over the most contemptible breach of cides which party shall possess the balance of and did not know the virtue there was in our pear in a letter in which I have no recollection. wooden walls when they went in for a fair stand- They are so different from the sentiments I notice in his reports that the navy did him any your obedient servant, service, when without the help it has given him all the way through he never would have been Licutenant Gereral. He wants magnanimity. like most officers of the army, and is so avaricious as regards fame that he will never, if he can belp it, do justice to our department. When the rebels write the history of this war, then,

what the navy has done. Grant for the indifference he displayed in this that achievement for the navy, and attacks Political parties are supported by an open and tions are in the largest measure to the Demo- of action. matter until he found his own reputation at Gen. Grant, both personally and officially, in shameless tax-levy on the salaries of officials. | cratic party of the State of Missouri. | Loud | Byron informs his readers that he was exest as one seldom witnesses.

The Republican candidate for Senator is

| Carolina and Jefferson | Carolina and Jefferson

have been the chief speakers. All these have is now saddled on General Butler, and history justice. been denounced and threatened by the opposi- | will tell nothing of General Grant's share in it. tion party; but they do not leave town, as faction, that you may know and feel that you they were advised. The Ku-Klux Klan cease are entitled to the entire credit for getting this to terrify. When Colonel G. spoke, in the expedition off and for its success. I am merely always in order under a free government. a new man to be next President .- N. Y. Inde- administration of that office. ["We know it."] meeting, of the treatment he had received dur- the agent and only used to advantage the ample sometimes think I am a little too much impolia hundred muskets at your back." Only twelve always ready to fight right away, if any one lines : reflects upon the navy. I know that no country under the sun ever raised a navy as you have done in the same space of time, and that no away from the polls last year rather than walk in James river, Richmond would now be ours. Vicksburg, a stronger place, fell when the navy was brought to bear on it. Every place has fallen where naval cannon have been

leaves it with about seven thousand men, and don't think knows much of the situation. An army man thinks if he has a gunboat at his back he is all safe, but this is one case where at times the gunboats are driven off by bad weather, and those inside cannot co-operate effectively. I have given you a long letter, but find an apology for myself in the fact that that everything concerning it interests you. Last night the polls were closed, and all over Again permit me to thank you for the confi dence you have always placed in me, and the We regret that, for brevity's sake, we can- it was, "Hurrah for Tendick!" and there, tion, and assuring you that it has been my

nespectfully and sincerely, Your obd't serv't. (Signed) DAVID P. PORTER. Washington, D. C.

From the Rochester Democrat. THE REMARKABLE PORTER.

Impulse and His Last One-A Painful respondent's letter, printed this day. There are many rumors afloat to-night as to the state of feeling between the President and Admiral both. The only reparation which the Admiral can make he has made ere this. The letter

to the President is as follows:

MR. PRESIDENT: My impulse, on reading Conner is a justice of the peace of that town- The Unearthed Letter of Admiral the subject. Neither myself nor my secretary, to hate and despise. In reward of this fidelity My Dear Sir: I received your kind letter uniformly expressed to you. The letter, it apof the 17th instant, and thank you warmly for pears, was a private one, and vindictive must any treachery to the negro. And he is the ted malice, finds no parallel in the history of the confidence you reposed in my good opinion have been the heart of the man that could be only President of the United States, not exthat this place could be taken. To the Navy guilty of so grave a breach of confidence; and cluding George Washington and Abraham Lin-Department alone is the country indebted for depraved indeed must be the character who, to coln, of whom this high praise can be spoken habiliments more befitting her "manifest destithe capture of this rebel stronghold; for had gratify his mischievous instincts, could make with equal candor and truth. it not been for your perseverance in keeping the public a confidential letter, written perhaps But the anti-slavery question has ceased to lative expenditures within the narrowest limits fleet here, and your constant proposition made under great excitement, and at this distant day be the test by which we judge our public men— consistent with a due regard for legitimate proto the army, nothing would have been done not even remembered. It seems like a poor whether presidents, cabinets, governors, or gress should at the same time foster and en-As it was, after the proposition had been re return for your uniform confidence and kind-representatives. That illustrious question is courage by light taxation the enterprising in

secure footing. I don't say this to detract from six years ago. When several persons have at pression on the American mind But, if the be as successful for Missouri as the movement the gallantry of the soldiers, for never did men different times informed me that a letter would fight harder or more handsomely than did our be published, in which I had abused General remaining season of latter rain under which a fort on the coast has been gained, as usual you | thinking it impossible that such a letter could | grow. the work was "not substantially injured as a writer of the letter than its publisher. The the navy might have operated and did not. He unscrupulous persons, who, after all, are only

(Signed) DAVID D. PORTER, Admiral.

From the Boston Commonwealth.

DISGRACE OF ADMIRAL PORTER. One day last week the New York World and only then, will the country be made to feel to Secretary Welles on the 24th of January, anywhere, it is just here. The body-politic is that I am the last man in this nation to disre- may be, is not dependent on the size, nor on I do not feel at all kindly towards General Fisher, in which Porter claims the credit of are practically bought and sold at auction. stake; then he was glad to throw the elephant a manner much more frank than elegant. He Influence, patronage, and a friend at court- applause.] overboard that had we ghed him down so heavi- accuses Grant of being unduly under the influ- these are the pillars on which our politics now | Now, my friends let me tell you another height, slight' and muscular-about two inches | perfection of heaven and earth that the winly. He could not help but know that General ence of Gen. Butler, declares that he was ignor- rest. The glory which attached to the public thing. I recognize the fact that the Demo- taller than the average of his countrymen, dows of his soul have been started from their all of his numerous staff on board the flagship Furthermore, Porter accuses Grant of being occupant with an opportunity to earn his living than it ever occupied before; it has gone for England are one inch shorter than their ra- tain riches, but prepare yourself for every with General Butler, and he promised me faith- it not been for his (Porter's) valuable aid at tion of the Government. There must be no laries and obstructions of the past, and has them into lunatic asylums for safety.

drawn by four white horses, in which was part not care a fig for the powder boat, though I was who had been with him for eight years. He an administration. We are constrained to say "good," and applause.] I recognize it as indicof a brass band, and a big broom, which, being new, was supposed to be good for a clean disposed to trust it altogether. I think it most phanic letter, still pretending that he had no the President's term, has steadily kept his adnew, was supposed to be good for a clean unhandsome in him to listen for a moment to recollection of the former composition, but if ministration under the suspicion of employing And accepting it in that light, I wish you all sweep. Behind this, each day, rode about one the idle talk of Butler's staff, and his timid, it were his it must have been written during the immense patronage of this gigantic instigood cheer in the future, hoping and trusting hundred and fifty men, and as many colored calculating engineer, Comstock, who wanted the anxieties and disappointments of his posi- tution for the purposes of a more than war only, in addition to that, that the lesson which men as could be coaxed or hired to follow some excuse for not doing their duty. The tion as the commander of a large blockading rantable partizanship. A wholesome civil ser has been taught by this election to the nation Lieutenant General and I were together fleet. Meanwhile the letter has been sent to vice reform would make such a revolution in at large will be received and accepted; and for size. Danton, on the other hand, whose them, which was usually from eight to twelve, eighteen months before Vicksburg—never had he White House, and inspected by everybody the custom-house as could be compared to that the national Representatives who have and, as a black Republican speaker said, to wait for me, nor did any of his generals (but who cared to see it, and of course identified as nothing less than an earthquake. But, who been sent from the Western country, when successfully against foreign aggression, was of "those few were by themselves." The Repub- I have had to wait for them,) and he should Porter's. The President, nevertheless, sent ever shall be shaken by it, let the reform come. they understand the force and significance of a large and very powerful frame, and had an licans make no display, but hold meetings have supposed from the past and my anxiety to his name in to the Senate, on Thursday, for And, if the President himself could initiate it; your votes, will understand that it is proper for extraordinarily loud voice. every night. I attend with the rest of the go to work, that I had not become any slower Admiral, and there it will probably remain for if he would devote the remainder of his term them to coalesce and combine and consort with n my movements than I was on the Mississippi. some time, if it is not speedily rejected. The to the great work of purifying the civil list; anybody that will reduce to a nearer approxiblack Republican ladies. Colonel C. C. Gil- His course proves to me that he would sacrifice country, however, looks on with astonishment— if he would everywhere take care that none but mation of justice and truth that immense tax ington, in his edition of Abelard and Heloise lespie, once in the Confederate army, now his best friend rather than let any odium fall not so much that Porter gave way to the jeal- able and honest men were occupying responsi- which is now levied upon us under the false was a tall, thin man, with a ringing voice. editor of the Houston Union, the leading organ on Lieutenant General Grant. He will take to ousy and detraction that so lamentably pre- ble stations under the Government; if he would and fraudulent guise of a revenue tariff. [Loud | Whitfield was stout. Wesley was small. Niehimself all the credit of this move now that it vailed in both army and navy during the war. is successful, when he deserves all the blame but that he has not now manliness enough to imminent and necessary problem; if he could want!" "That's Democracy!" "That suits world on Roman history, was five feet six Gray Franks, and Rev. Frank Green, (colored,) for the first failure to take the place. All this avow the letter and make apology for its in-

# The National Aspect.

"The price of liberty is eternal vigilance." In. pendent. means placed at my disposal, which any one difference is danger. During the last year a could have done as well as I. I expect you general apathy has prevailed among the people toward the Federal Administration. The situa-

> "So, with a sullen 'all's for best," The land seems settling to its rest."

Nor is there anything even now in the condition of our national politics-not even in the assembling of Congress-to excite popular at- who spoke for the Democrats, and Mr. Brown's tention; and, were it not for a vague anxiety response; for the future-including particularly the fate of the Republican party-we might go on for another year giving as little heed to national politics as we have done during the past sum- that I discharge the duties of spokesman for

great party now in power are not a little solicit- cent election, and who tender you this demonous lest the scepter should depart from Judah. stration as a mark of their appreciation of the We have had an honest administration; this is great services which you have rendered to the granted. We have had a reduction of the debt: cause of liberal government during the late this is granted. We have had a faithful execu- canvass. tion of the te;ms of reconstruction; this is The bold and fearless stand which you and granted. We have kept our faith with the your associates have taken has liberated, from sought to conform its policy to the wishes of men-men identified with the wealth, the enterfact still remains that the present Administra- wrong recognizable in law, had committed no tion commands more the good-will than the ad- offense punishable under the criminal code. miration, more the confidence than the sympa- You have destroyed the usurping minority thy, more the acquiescence than the praise, of the great majority of the party that called it

The administration has both succeeded and You have obtained the verdict of the people where many anticipated success.

Just before the President assumed his office, fathers of American liberty. if anybody had then been as ed whether a The calm determination and the stern defi-West Point officer who had shown a practical of his subordinates, the answer would have ing. been: If President Grant fails anywhere, it will be in a too lax adherence to the central ideas of reconstruction, rather than in his the letter published in the New York World, selection of the personnel of his administrawas to go to you at once and pronounce it a tion. The President has disappointed both it purported to have been written six years second, unhappily. We owe it to this good ago, and published by a person who once held man to say that he has stood, from the begina prominent position under the Government, ning of his term, the unflinching, unfaltering. I determined to ascertain fully if I had ever unwavering friend of the race whom his mili indited such a letter before addressing you on tary academy taught him, in his earlier years, who has served with me eight years, could re- let him receive the honor which belongs to a call to our recollection any circumstances of faithful adherence to a moral principle. A the kind. I could not conceive that I had thousand paltry faults in his administration uttered sentiments I know I never felt, and can be pardoned to this one pre-eminent virtue. which are so at variance with those that I have We have never heard the lips even of the most

At about the date of the letter I had passed roes, whether military or civil. We do not The people should labor for other objects than

root of the matter is in him, there is still a is auspicious for us.

No man can now foresee the next presiden tial issue, or even guess at the pivot on which it will turn. Gen. Butler wants it to be a war with England-which may Heaven avert! If hoarsely shouted it before; and let the Repub lican party meet the clamor with the Presiof able, industrious, and uncompromising leaders) are seeking (like doctrinaires in politics) to me, saying "the only way in which the place | confidence I ever heard of. I regret exceed- to make a diversion in behalf of a pointed and could be taken was by running the ships past ingly the loss of your friendship, and do not the batteries," showing evidently that he had hesitate to disapprove the sentiments of which, in Massachusets, in nominating a third candi, crimination against men, and yet we have made no appeal to party, we have made no discount to make a diversion in behalf of a pointed and the condition of the condition of the state of the condition of the c in Massachusets, in nominating a third candi- crimination against men, and yet we have made great additional influence from the size of his the white people among whom they lived. And not studied the hydrography of Cape Fear River, I suppose, I must bear the odium. They ap- date to stand between the Republican and a distinctive appeal to the common country in body. Constantine, a giant in body, at the probably no people denied the advantages of the Democratic vote, and to catch what he behalf of the right of every man to exercise head of his army or on the throne provided for could of both, in testimony to an idea. Revenue | the franchise of a freeman, and we have won | him in the great Ecumenical Council at Nice ; never worked so hard in my life to make a man succeed as I did for him. You will scarcely I have the honor to remain, very respectfully, questions which demand a hearing; but, as it spent no more instructively than in listening to of the next presidential nominating convention. self, more perfect disregard of past traditions, ance associated with intellectual power and sinks to the merest lullaby. Wendell Phillip's for a great question. We have one ready for it; and we hope it will be accepted with unanimity and zeal. It is the question of the Civil

And so the Republican party goes begging more personal authority.

But facts will not allow us to accept the mone country, than has the Democratic party in the last election in the State of Missouri.

Applause.]

But facts will not allow us to accept the materialistic hypothesis that there is any connection between the shape or weight of the The truths which he utters are fluing like pieces. published a letter written by Admiral Porter Service. If ever this nation needed a reform I can say to you, frankly, my fellow-citizens, body and power of mind. Soul, whatever it of ragged metal, where they stick and fester in

ant such a reform is to the welfare of the coun-An inquiry into the state of the country is reviving green. Otherwise, the people will call and I will promise you an honest and faithful

Gratz Brown.

On Tuesday night of last week a number of B. Gratz Brown at his residence in that city. The following is the speech of Mr. Armstrong,

SPEECH OF COL. D. H. ARMSTRONG. It is, sir, with more than ordinary pleasure those of your fellow citizens of the Democratic But it is very evident that the leaders of the party of this city who supported you in the re-

negro; this is granted. We have had an ad- a thraldom more galling and infamous than that ministration which, to a peculiar degree, has imposed by the Algerine pirates, 80,000 white the people; this is granted. And yet, granting prise, the industry, and the prosperity of the all this, (and more, if necessary,) the solemn | State-men, the majority of whom had done no

> government in this State, and rendered the existence of a similar one, hereafter, impossible

failed. Strangely enough, the success has been against a constitution framed to perpetuate where many anticipated failure, and the failure | tyranny and constructed with a shameless disregard of the doctrines and traditions of the

ability sufficient to raise himself from the ob- precedented edict of the National Executive scurity of a subaltern to the proud position of have commended you to the hearts of every commander-in-chief, yet who at the same time true lover of his country. So terrible and had never known anything but a West Point withering a castigation-endorsed so gloriously prejudice against the negro and his rights; by the people-will, it is hoped, teach the in we say, if anybody had then been asked whether sane and bloated possessors of power hereafter such a man would be likelier to signalize that Missourians at least will never tolerate himself by a faithful devotion to political any interference with their domestic affairs, equality without distinction of race, than by an come whence it may, nor "crook the pregnant exhibition of his practical sagacity in the choice | hinges of the knee that thrift may follow fawn-

We also convey to you our warmest congrat ulations on the successful issue of a campaign which, in all its bearings, is the most important, the most significant, that has ever taken place in this State. To those who, for five long fabrication, for as such I consider it; but as these expectations—the first, agreeably; the and weary years, have been Pariahs in their own houses-outcasts in their own countrytax payers without a voice in the expenditures thereof-your election, by the overwhelming votes of the still untrammelled citizens, comes with a fraternal greeting which speaks of good cheer, kindly feeling, and material prosperity

in the far future. But, sir, the compliment of your personal success will be the early calling of a constitutional convention, to wipe from the statute book that "sum of all villanies." the Draconian code the human race. This great State-the fifth in ny." Our organic law, while it restricts legisceived, and General Grant promised that troops ness to me, and I am too glad that I remember settled. We are foo busy with other things to the development of the vast and varied rebe looking back at the past laurels of our he- sources contained within our ample borders.

explosion of the powder-boat. Now, the coun- Fisher, and my numerous fleet was almost doing? The American notion of statesmanconfidently believe that you will inaugurate ing the expedition, when, on both occasions, prize within my grasp and then slip from me. dress itself to the needs of the hour. It cannot economy and strict accountability in financial he permitted it to go improperly provided. In For another month I had to battle with the allow the lustre of yesterday to cast more than matters; that you will firmly oppose all corplace, he (Grant) sent too few men, when he fleet on my hands, my mind and body har- another, it is a military. But the President's eat up the substance of the people. They also ought to have calculated that the rebels would assed by extraordinary fatigues. The whole military reputation has passed into history. It confidently believe that the next General Asseeing what a narrow escape they had. Noth- feat that might prolong a contest that was hands. He can no longer use it as a charm to creet men that all existing laws in conflict with ing but the most desperate fighting and a de- already sapping its vitals. You and others conjure with. The only thing which can serve the popular interests shall be at once repealed, termination to win on the part of the army gave know what I had to undergo bodily and men- his political ambition in the future (if he has and that that body will unite with you in making Missouri the most prosperous State in the West, and her cirizens the most enterprising. In conclusion, we again tender you our con-

from the bottom of my heart for the support ideal, for the mind cannot think of persons or anybody is to raise this international battle-cry | which you have given me in this canvass, which | things without creating a picture of them. Genis done, and equally ready to lay the blame of letters written the last six years were publet it be the Democratic party, which has has ended in such a magnificent triumph. [Ap- erally we magnify the size of our heroes and plause and three cheers.] I assure you, more enfold them with superhuman beauty, or if over, that I do not take that triumph to my- they are hateful we conceive of them as ugly dent's early and immortal motto, " Let us have | self, personally, but to the principles that have | and deformed. been so emphatically indorsed-those of equal When a man of gigantic stature is remarkfreedom for every man in the nation as his able also for extraordinary intellectual and moral birth-right.

We have gone through this contest, we have netic eloquence, or occupies a conspicuous staupon that principle. [Great applause.] Now Charlemagne, towering above others in height. could not get the floor in Massachusetts last | position. And I say, furthermore, that no the Father of his Country; all satisfied that spent no more instructively than in listening to summer, it cannot yet hope to seize possession party has ever shown more perfect command of instinct which loves to see an imposing appear satire beside which Xantippe's forked tongue And so the Republican party goes begging more perfect devotion to the welfare of the com- personal authority.

1865, a few days after the capture of Fort corrupt from one end to the other. Public offices gard the obligations under which I stand, and any known quality, of the engine with which from the snow line. There is nothing especial that in this election I recognize that my obliga- it is connected, for either amount or intensity in his face or figure to attract attention, unless

"Now, my fellow-citizens, I have only to try and to the success of his administration, say to you, in conclusion, that I have the honor nel, was small and deformed. Gibson informs us he might yet retrieve the half-lost glory of his to be your Governor elect for the State of Misterm, and besprinkle his fading laurels into a souri, ["We're glad of it;" "Thank God,"] I will promise you, furthermore, that I will permit no ring around the State House, nor out of it, (so far as I can help it,) to sap the life and inches in height; in his best health he weighed wealth out of the community. ["Bully," "Good."] And I will say, furthermore, to you, gentlemen, that in making that administration I will endeavor to predicate it upon live issues. prominent Democrats of St. Louis serenaded and to call young men to the support of it. [Tremendous applause and prolonged cheers.] —Springfield (Mo.) Patriot.

### The Catholic Situation.

France has not sufficed to entirely divert public attention from the astounding but peaceful revolution which has taken place in the Roman Church. It has been frequently and truthfully said, that of all the events that have occurred this summer, not one has surpassed in significance, or will stand more prominent on the page of history, than the fall of the papacy. The period of Napoleon's discomfiture and the looming up of a United Germany will. in the far future, be referred to the year in which the temporal power of the Pope was destroved, rather than the reverse. In other words, the summer of 1870 will be memorable more because Victor Emanuel marched into Rome than because King William marched into France. In Europe, outside of the Papal household and the order of the Jesuits, there appears to be a general acquiescence in the new order of things. Neither Italy nor France, countries, has uttered a single emphatic protest against the course of the King of Italy.

who, within the recollection of our young men, thony a platform orator. controlled Italy, an insignificant domain, is Miss Anthony combatted the theory that now able to influence the government of three | woman is made for man to support, which, she

While, however, Europe is thus freeing itself from old time shackles, the friends of the Philadelphia, and we believe in Baltimore, has been called for Buffalo. Many have ex- be secured by the law-makers of the land. pressed surprise at this, thinking that in Re- Miss Anthony closed by informing any mem ment. It is, then, the same class that recently 9th inst. sent from Ireland the first letter of condolence to Pius IX in his troubles, and now, in our large cities, is endeavoring to bombard republicanism and freedom from free and republican

In nothing, perhaps, are we so frequently disappointed as in the bodily appearance of some notorious personage with whose actions Fellow-citizens and Democrats of the State and character we have been long acquainted, of Missouri-for I presume I can include re- but whose image in the mind's eye was wholly presentatives of all your number in my greet- of our own creation. At first we refuse to subing-I wish to say to you that I thank you stitute the strange reality for our long cherished

ability-when he has power to govern, or mag-

shadow which he supposed to be a piece of method before the defense disappeared on Butler's presenting to another dog. The Demograte made a great feast, invited colored men, and tried to make them believe that "old shadow which he supposed to be a piece of the politics of New York and Brooklyn. Such an institution as the first shadow which he supposed to be a piece of the politics of New York and Brooklyn. Such an institution as the first shadow which he supposed to be a piece of the defense disappeared on Butler's presenting to unded that this letter should now see the his plan for blowing the forts down, and an light, when he is expecting to be confirmed as by his logic and eloquence, and by the custom-house in New York, or the navy by his logic and eloquence, and by the custom-house in New York, or the navy by his logic and eloquence, and by the custom-house in New York, or the former, army was shipped so quick (unprepared) on the defenses disappeared on Butler's presenting to unded that this letter should now see the light, when he is expecting to be confirmed as by his logic and eloquence, and by the custom-house in New York, or the navy by his logic and eloquence, and by the custom-house in New York, or the navy by his logic and eloquence, and by the custom-house in New York, or the navy by his logic and eloquence, and by the custom-house in New York, or the navy by his logic and eloquence, and by the custom-house in New York, or the navy by his logic and eloquence, and by the custom-house in New York, or the navy by his logic and eloquence, and by the custom-house in New York, or the navy by his logic and eloquence, and by the custom-house in New York, or the navy by his logic and eloquence, and by the custom-house in New York and Brooklyn. Let the defense disappeared to turnips, to unded that this letter should now see the light, when he is expecting to unded that this letter should now see the light, when he is expecting to unded that this letter should now see the light, when he is expecting to unded

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all Europe to the Crusades-according to Berlight his cigar, and sit up 'o nights over this and continued applause. "That's what we buhr, who revolutionized the views of the inches in height, and slender. Schleirmacher, who turned theologic thought into a new chanthat he was feeble when a child, small as an adult, but corpulent, and his head was remarkably large. This was true also both of Sir Isaac Newton and of Cuvier. Dr. Kane, who endured both torrid heat and polar cold better than any of his companions, "was five feet six about one hundred and thirty-five pounds." Mr. George Ticknor relates that Tallyrand said to him, in 1816, pointing to a portrait of Alexander Hamilton, that the three greatest men he had known in his time were Napoleon, (small but heavy.) Charles Fox, (large and corpulent,) and Alexander Hamilton, (large.) Bismarck, whose name is now more potent

than that of any other man in Europe, is more than six feet tall, well proportioned, and muscular. Thiers, who represents France, before The clash of arms and the din of war in him, is "physically about as insignificant a specimen of humanity as could be picked out But it is useless to multiply instances. All the facts show that souls of all sorts, in some

way, promiscuously occupy bodies of all sorts. The most of what is said about temperament and physiognomy is traditional and superficial .- Western Monthly for December.

"The False Theory."

Miss Susan B. Anthony at Lincoln Hall

This was the subject of a lecture at Lincoln Hall last evening by Miss Susan B. Anthony. given under the auspices of the Universal Franchise Association, and ought to have been heard by a much larger audience than was present. Miss Anthony was introduced to the assemnor Spain nor Austria, all of them Catholic blage by Senator Pomeroy, and commenced by saying that she appeared before her audience under great embarrassment, as they have al-The people have become disgusted with or in- ready been addressed by Anna Dickinson, "the different to the childish mummery that pleased born orator," and by Mrs. Stanton, the "born or frightened them in former and darker days. | philosopher." Miss Anthony said that she was Victor Emanuel is nominally a Romanist, not an orator on the platform, but if a lecture, but he lives happy and undisturbed under the lasting an hour and fifty minutes, delivered major curse or excommunication of his church. extemporaneously, and containing soft words Moreover, he is now of greater importance in and home facts, and spoken with an energy the European world than many are disposed to and an earnestness seldom equalled, and which give him credit for. His daughter is the carried the sympathies of her audience with Queen of Portugal, and his son has just accepted her, and elicited frequent rounds of applausethe crown of Spain. Thus the bluff old Italian if this is platform oratory, then is Miss An-

great kingdoms. We use the term great ad said, was a faise theory, and one which was visedly, for, though Spain and Portugal, like prevalent in-society at the present time. This Italy, have been dwarfed for many years under position she supported by concise reasoning priestly administrations, they are now under and an array of convincing facts which bore other auspices making rapid strides in national upon the woman franchise question. She spoke and social development. A nation that could, fluently upon the marriage question, the inlike Spain, drive out its monarch because she equality recognized between man and wife, and was a harlot and a bigot, must have some con- considered the enfranchisement of woman as science and a bright future. Thus we see that | the only proper remedy for all these evils. She in the Catholic States of Europe the anti-Papal spoke of the frequent "strikes" among the party are not only in the ascendant, but likely | various operatives, both male and female, and said that the press and political parties uphold strikes by men, while they discourage and denounce those by women, and attributed the Pope in America are loudly and demonstra- difference that each receive to the fact that tively indignant at the treatment their religious politicians feared the votes of men, while no father in Rome has received. In New York, danger from this cause was to be apprehended from women. The enfranchisement of woman immense meetings have been held sympathiz. would change all this, and the rights of women ing with the Holy Father, and violently assail- to equal wages and equal privileges with men ing the impious (?) Italians. A similar meeting | would then be upheld by political parties and

publican America the liberal Catholic party | bers of Congress in her audience that the Woshould be best supported. With a few hon- | man's Franchise Association intended to obtain orable exceptions, however, this is not the a room in the Capitol, where a delegation of case. The fact is easily explained. The Catho- their number would be in attendance at every lic Church of this country is composed of re- session of Congress, and besiege the members cruits from priest-ridden Ireland-as a class, for a sixteenth amendment to the Constitution. the most ignorant and violently sectarian of and would continue the siege at every session that Church. There are in the Church men until such an amendment was submitted to the and women from Ireland of culture, education, several States for ratification. She retired and piety, but they would be among the first from the platform amidst the hearty applause to acknowledge and deplore the above state- of the audience. - Washington Chronicle of the

Foolery.

All writers at the North who attempt to America. The facts being what they are, the give a description of conversations with negroes, demonstrations now taking place in this coun- convict themselves of falsehoods by the very try in favor of Pius IX, by foreign-born but language they put into their mouths. And naturalized citizens, is an insult to the nation | this vicious habit is beginning to corrupt the and an ungrateful return for the blessings of style of Southern men who know better. good government, free religious worship, and Now we defy such writers to produce an inindividual prosperity, to which they have been stance of one negro in twenty-five thousand welcomed by the American people. - Rochester using the word "massa" when intending to use the word master. Many years ago negroes who had been imported from Africa did use that word, but they have died out. On the sea coast of Georgia and South Carolina, on the rice plantations, before the war, a very corrupt English was spoken by the negroesthe result of their limited intercourse with white people : and such in those localities may be the case still. But this is not, and never was, the rule among the millions living in the interior of States.

> Nor does the word "de," for the, occur very frequently. It is sometimes used, but very sel dom. And the outlandish stuff put into their mouths as proceeding from them, has no existence; in fact, is unknown and unheard of. except in writers North, or by persons here who desire to throw contempt and ridicule upon the negro. In the days of slavery the negro was prohibited from being taught the simplest rudiments of education. All that he acquired was by imitation, and he made good use of that. Hence we will find their language partakes of education ever arrived to a purer dialect than the negro in this country .- Equal Rights.

QUAINT DESCRIPTION OF PHILLIPS .- "Olivia," writing to the Philadelphia Press, speaks of voice penetrates the brain like absinthe. It the mind. Mr. Phillips stands not very far it is the proximity of his organs of vision; but this can be accounted for by the fact that he actly "five feet eight and one-half inches in has peered so long and steadfastly at the im-

who sustain themselves by the work of their